

REMARKS

Claim 1 is amended. Support for the amendment is found at original claim 3. Claims 4-5 are amended to correct dependency. Claim 3 is cancelled. No new matter is added by the amendments. Claims 1-2, 4-7 remain pending.

The Title is objected to as not descriptive of the invention. The Title is amended to be clearly indicative of the claimed invention. Applicant requests that the objection be withdrawn.

Claims 1, 2 and 7 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Iwata (US 6,347,511 B1). Applicant traverses the rejection to the extent that it can be maintained.

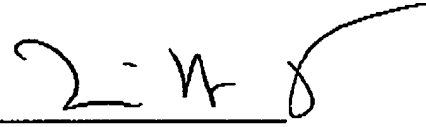
Claim 1 is amended to include the limitation of dependent claim 3. The Office Action indicated that claim 3 is allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claim. The amendment accomplishes the specified result. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 as amended is now allowable, and requests that the rejection be withdrawn.

Claims 2 and 4-7 depend directly or indirectly from claim 1. As claim 1 is allowable as amended, applicant respectfully submits that claims depending therefrom are likewise allowable. Applicant requests that the rejection of claims 2 and 7 be withdrawn.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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